GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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FOREIGN COMPANIES IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLAND
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to lease out two Andaman & Nicobar Islands to foreign companies for promotion of tourism as reported in the Dainik Jagaran dated March 28, 2007;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of tourists visited A&N during 2006 and 2007 so far as compared to corresponding period of previous years; and

(d) the manner in which the Government is going to develop the A&N for tourism?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Tourist Arrival figures for Andaman Islands are as below :

Year	Number of tourists arrived
2004	1,09,582
2005	32,381
2006	1,27,631
2007 (upto April, 2007)	42,618

(d): Ministry of Tourism has been assisting UT Administration for integrated development of tourism after taking into account the ecology and carrying capacity of the islands.